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B) STATE 248364 DTG 180119Z OCT 75

C) USNATO 5856 DTG 281558Z OCT 75

1. ON OCTOBER 29, FRG DELEGATION OFFICER (HOYNCK) ON INSTRUCTIONS CALLED ON US TO TELL US OF FRG REACTION TO THE US APPROACH ON EQUIPMENT ISSUES CONTAINED IN REF A.

2. HOYNCK SAID FRG WELCOMED THAT US COULD ACCEPT THE FRG LANGUAGE FOR PARA 3 (BIS) IN THE POSITION PAPER RE FURTHER EQUIPMENT REDUCTIONS. REF THE US REQUESTS IN RETURN FOR FRG SUPPORT IN PARA 7, REF A, HE NOTED THAT FRG HAS ALREADY ACCEPTED THE US PROPOSAL ON APPROPRIATE DEFINITIONS OF THE COMMON CEILING (EXCEPT THAT FRG ALSO WANTS AGREEMENT RE PHASE II REDUCTION COMMITMENTS). HE FURTHER NOTED THAT FRG COULD
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ACCEPT THE US WORDING FOR PARA 3 OF THE DRAFT GUIDANCE (PARA 2, REF B), I.E. WITHOUT THE FRG PHRASE "AND THAT REDUCTIONS OF SUCH EQUIPMENT ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE TO THE WEST". HOWEVER, FRG MUST REQUEST ADDING THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE:

"SHOULD THE EAST PRESS THE ISSUE OF THE ALLIANCE POSITION REGARDING THE EXCLUSION OF NON-US ALLIED NUCLEAR, AIR OR OTHER EQUIPMENT, THE COUNCIL WILL PROVIDE GUIDANCE ON THIS ISSUE ON THE BASIS OF PARA 3 BIS OF THE INTRA-ALLIANCE PAPER ADDITIONAL ASPECTS OF ALLIED POSITION ON WITHDRAWAL OF US NUCLEAR ELEMENTS IN MBFR." HE SAID THAT FRG ALTERNATIVELY WOULD ACCEPT PUTTING A SENTENCE OF THIS SORT IN PARA 3 (BIS) OF THE POSITION PAPER. FRG IS FLEXIBLE ON THE EXACT WORDING. HE NOTED THAT THE FRG ACCEPTS THE US PROPOSAL TO STATE EXPLICITLY IN PARA 2 OF THE POSITION PAPER THAT THIS PAPER IS NOT FOR USE WITH THE EAST WITHOUT EXPLICIT NAC AUTHORIZATION, AND FRG WILL SUPPORT THIS PROPOSAL IN SPC.

3. HOYNCK SAID FRG ACCEPTS THE US PROPOSAL FOR PARA 5 OF THE DRAFT GUIDANCE RE EASTERN QUESTIONS ON NON-US EQUIPMENT LIMITATIONS, WITH THE FRG PHRASE PROPOSED IN REF C, AND WITH THE FRG PHRASE IN PARA 10 OF THE DRAFT GUIDANCE ENABLING AHG TO USE THE CONTENT OF PAR 10 IN RESPONSE TO EASTERN PRESSURE, ANYTIME AFTER USE OF THE CONTENT OF PARA 5.

4. MISSION OFFICER NOTED THAT REF A HAD MADE THE POINT THAT DECLARATORY ALLIED STATEMENTS AGAINST LIMITATIONS ON OR REDUCTIONS OF NON-US EQUIPMENT WOULD LESSEN THE PROSPECTS OF RECEIVING A CONSIDERED REPLY ON OPTION III, AND WOULD PLACE GREAT PRESSURE ON THE ALLIED POSITION ON PHASING. HOYNCK SAID FRG HAD CAREFULLY CONSIDERED SUCH QUESTIONS. FRG INTEREST IN PRESERVING THE PHASING CONCEPT WAS ONE REASON WHY FRG HAD SUBSTANTIALLY ACCEPTED THE US POSITION ON APPROPRIATE DEFINITION OF THE COMMON CEILING, AND WHY FRG WAS WILLING TO DEFER A NEGATIVE ALLIED RESPONSE TO EASTERN QUESTIONS ON NON-US EQUIPMENT LIMITATIONS AND REDUCTIONS. HE SAID THE FRG SENTENCE IN PARA 2 ABOVE WOULD REQUIRE EASTERN PRESSURE BEFORE THE COUNCIL WAS CALLED UPON TO PROVIDE GUIDANCE TO AHG ON NON-US EQUIPMENT REDUCTIONS. THE CONDITIONS SET FORTH IN PARA 5 OF THE DRAFT GUIDANCE WOULD HAVE TO BE EXHAUSTED BEFORE THE AHG COULD USE THE GUIDANCE IN PARA 10 OF THE DRAFT GUIDANCE ON NON-US EQUIPMENT LIMITATIONS. HOWEVER, FRG FIRMLY BELIEVES
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THAT TO PUT OFF A RESPONSE TO EASTERN PRESSURE ON THESE TWO ISSUES INDEFINITELY COULD COMPROMISE THE ALLIED POSITION ON THESE ISSUES.
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